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PRESSURE VESSEL OF A NUCLEAR REACTOR

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, the date for which a response is due December 2, 2005, Applicants hereby elect Group II, encompassing claims 11-29, drawn to an apparatus for executing an operation in a vessel of a nuclear reactor, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected claims 1-10 (Group I) in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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